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Of these collections, some 350 species are new to the Herbarium.

It will be seen from the foregoing that a large proportion of the additions during the past year have been acquired through purchase, entailing a considerable expenditure on the part of a few of the members, owing to the lack of funds available for such purposes. While such outlay will undoubtedly be necessary to some extent in the future, yet it is hoped that by a proper system of exchanging, which we expect to effect shortly, much additional material can be acquired. The Section now has in hand a considerable quantity of material which can be readily used for this purpose as soon as adequate space is furnished for its arrangement, which time we hope is not far distant.

The attention of the Section was called to the crowded condition of the present cases, in the report of the Conservator for 1894, and it is hoped before the report for 1896 is made this much-needed room for expansion will have been provided, and the present cases fitted with doors of the best dust-proof construction.

Respectfully submitted,

STEWARTSON BROWN,

Conservator, pro tem.

REPORT OF THE MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

Eight meetings of the Section have been held during the past year with an average attendance of about eight members. Papers have been read by Messrs. Goldsmith, Rand and Woolman.

The additions to the cabinet, except to the William S. Vaux collection, have not been large, but there seems to be a greater interest awakened during the last portion of the year, which it is hoped may continue.

An excursion was made by the Section on May 25th, which seemed to be very satisfactory to those attending it.

The Director would urge, if means can be found for the purpose, the increase of the local collection, which, he believes, could be made of value. The chief expense of this would be in cases, as it is probable that nearly all the specimens needed would be presented;

in fact a considerable number have been promised as soon as case-room is provided.

At the meeting of the Section, held December 23d, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year :—

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Theodore D. Rand.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Wm. W. Jefferis.
<i>Conservator,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Wm. W. Jefferis.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	John Ford.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	}					Chas. Schäffer.
<i>and Recorder,</i>						

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. D. RAND,

Director.

REPORT OF THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SECTION.

The work of cataloguing and rearranging the Ornithological collection has gone on steadily during the past year; and, although not quite so many specimens have been worked over as in the previous year, this has been more than compensated by the large increase in the labelling and cataloguing.

The Conservator has been enabled to devote a considerable amount of his time to the work, as has also Mr. McCadden, the taxidermist, while valuable assistance has been rendered by Mr. Henry W. Fowler, Miss Helen M. Higgins and Mr. Wm. J. Gerhard.

During the year 4,193 mounted specimens have been worked over, the best of them being remounted and the types and duplicates reduced to skins, and all the material not hitherto named has been carefully identified and catalogued. In addition to this a large number of temporary lists were copied into the regular catalogue, which has now been brought up to date, while a considerable number of labels for specimens in the exhibition cases have been prepared. This work for the year aggregates 4,125 labels written, and 9,979 entries in the catalogue. The groups renovated in the mounted collection comprised the Cathartidæ, Falconidæ, Bubonidæ, Strigidæ, Fringillidæ, Ploceidæ, Laniidæ, Motacillidæ, Alaudidæ, Artamidæ,